

REMARKS

Applicant respectfully requests allowance of the subject application.

Election/Restriction

The Office Action sets forth a restriction requirement under 35 U.S.C. §121, and requires the election of one of the following groups for prosecution on the merits:

- I. Species I, claims 1-47.
- II. Species II, claims 48-73.

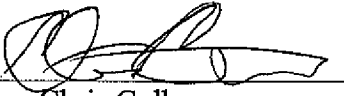
Applicant respectfully elects Species I, claims 1-47, without traverse.

Conclusion

Favorable consideration and an early notice of allowance are respectfully requested. If any issue remains unresolved that would prevent allowance of this case, **the Examiner is requested to contact the undersigned attorney to resolve the issue.**

Respectfully submitted,

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